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**LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REQUESTING
APPROVAL OF THE CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS**

Approved
MS
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner having jurisdiction over the subject application approve the amendments to the drawings, illustrated in red ink, on the attached marked-up copies of Figures 1-4.

A Letter Submitting Drawings is filed concurrently herewith, in which clean copies of Figures 1-4 as amended herein are provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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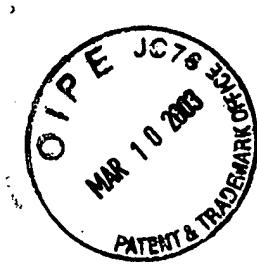
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